

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 464 - HB 1020**

April 1, 2003

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Children's Services certify that there is no less restrictive alternative than committing to the custody of the Department of Children's Services before the juvenile court can commit an unruly child to state custody. Also, changes appeals in these matters from juvenile court to the court of appeals rather than to circuit court.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,703,200**  
**\$2,023,900/TennCare**

Estimate assumes the following:

- A 3% increase or 192 additional commitments of unruly children to state custody placements;
- 12 additional positions (case managers 2 & 4) will be required to manage the additional caseload.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director